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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2004

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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated September 24, 2004, please
consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

The Office action dated September 24, 2004 has been carefully
considered. In view of the following remarks, all pending claims are in
condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of all
pending claims is respectfully requested.